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Appl. No. 09/931,265  
Amdt. dated October 17, 2003  
Reply to Office action of May 19, 2003

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : W. Neuberger  
Serial No. : 09/931,265  
Filed : August 16, 2001  
For : METHOD AND SUBSTANCE FOR OBTAINING SURFACES WITH  
ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES  
Examiner : Sean E. Conley  
Art Unit : 1744

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box: 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003, having a shortened three-month statutory period for response which expired August 19, 2003, we have attached a petition to extend the reply time. We request that you please accept the following remarks as to the above-identified patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of new claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper

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Commissioner of Patents  
Non-Fee Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs,

I reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed 11/12/03, I have attached a copy of the filed amendment with the corrected claims pages. The designation for unchanged claims was inadvertently left out. These have now been marked with (original) in each case for claims 2, 4, 5, 11, 12, and 13.

I trust this puts the amendment dated October 17, 2003 in full compliance with 37 CFR §1.121.

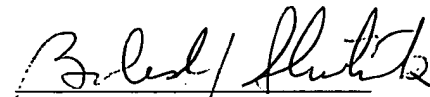
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